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See attachment why the response filed on 5/8/06 is considered to be a non-responsive response/amendment.

DETAILED ACTION

1. The reply filed on 11/20/06 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): As indicated that applicant had originally elected claims that were directed to a seal assembly. See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

In conclusion, claims that were filed on 11/20/06 are directed to a well bore blow out preventer, which is directed to an invention that was not originally claim. Applicant has originally elected a seal assembly and not a well bore blow out preventer. As of now the application has no claim that is directed to a seal assembly that was originally presented and/or elected. Applicant has received actions to the merits of the original elected invention.

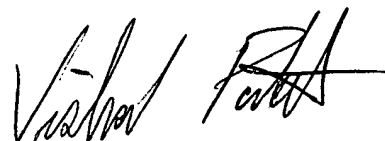
Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Vishal Patel whose telephone number is 571-272-7060. The examiner can normally be reached on 6:30am to 8:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Patricia L. Engle can be reached on 571-272-6660. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Vishal Patel', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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